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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. MCCLOSKEY WILL BE REPORTING TO YOU TONIGHT ON GENERAL CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS TO YOUR LUSAKA SPEECH. I HAVE LITTLE TO ADD TO MY EARLIER CABLE OTHER THAN TO REITERATE THAT IT HAS CLEARLY GONE OVER WELL WITH ALL OF THOSE MOST DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN AFRICAN POLICY.

2. SCOTTY RESTON AND I HAD LUNCH TODAY. PART OF THE FOCUS OF THE LUNCH WAS SCOTTY'S INTEREST IN THE SPEECH. HIS ORIGINAL REACTIONS WERE ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE. HE BEGAN BY WONDERING WHY YOU WERE WASTING YOUR TIME IN AFRICA ANY WAY, THEN SAID THE SPEECH SIMPLY DIDN'T SOUND LIKE YOU AND DWELT TOO MUCH ON "MORAL" ISSUES, AND WAS IN ANY EVENT TOO LATE BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT REALLY EXPECT TO SET AFRICAN POLICY FOR THE COMING ADMINISTRATION. I DID MY BEST TO MEET THESE ARGUMENTS, BUT THINK I WAS ONLY PARTLY SUCCESS-

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FUL. AFTER I HAD DONE MY BEST I SUGGESTED THAT SCOTTY CALL

HHH (WHOM SCOTTY, AS YOU KNOW, GREATLY ADMIRES) TO GET HIS VIEWS. I THEN WARNED HUMPHREY'S OFFICE THAT THE CALL WAS COMING. HUMPHREY WILL DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO GET SCOTTY TO WRITE A GOOD PIECE. SPIEGEL OF HUMPHREY'S OFFICE HAS CALLED TO SAY THAT THE SENATOR HAS TALKED TO SCOTTY AND WAXED ELOQUENT ON THE SPEECH AND THE INITIATIVES CONTAINED THEREIN. IF SCOTTY'S PIECE IS A GOOD ONE, I DID IT. IF IT'S A BAD ONE, IT'S HUMPHREY'S FAULT.

3. NOON NETWORK NEWS COVERAGE WAS LIGHT, FACTUAL AND FOCUSED ON YOUR TEN POINTS. THE SPEECH ALSO MADE THE FRONT PAGE OF THE STAR.

4. I HAVE TALKED ONCE AGAIN TO MONEY BAGS BARBARA WALTERS. I BEGAN BY ASKING HER WHETHER, IF YOU AGREED TO ANOTHER INTERVIEW, IT WOULD APPEAR ON NBC OR ABC. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE ON THE "TODAY SHOW" BECAUSE SHE IS UNDER CONTRACT TO THE NETWORK UNTIL THIS FALL. I THEN TOLD BARBARA THAT I FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT YOU COULD NOT AGREE TO DO THE PIECE UNLESS SHE COULD PROMISE A MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS RUNNING. SHE REPLIED THAT WHILE SHE COULD NOT GUARANTEE ANY SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE SO MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE CONTENT OF YOUR REMARKS, SHE DID NOT "THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM" IN GETTING THREE DAYS WORTH OF "TODAY SHOW" COVERAGE. AS TO RIGHTS ON EDITING, SHE SAID WE COULD PROCEED AS IN THE PAST BUT THAT SHE HOPED VERY MUCH WE COULD, AS WE DID LAST TIME, INSIST ON DELETIONS AT THE TIME OF TAPING. ALL IN ALL I THINK IT IS WORTH DOING BECAUSE THREE DAYS OR SO OF GOOD PUBLICITY ON NBC IS ALWAYS WORTH DOING. IF YOU WERE TO AGREE TO SCHEDULE THE INTERVIEW FOR SOMETIME BETWEEN YOUR AFRICAN AND NATO TRIPS, I SHOULD THINK THERE WOULD BE GOOD MEAT DERIVING FROM BOTH TRIPS. YOU WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO CONTEND WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WOODWARD & BERNSTEIN BOOK, I SUPPOSE. I RECOMMEND YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO AGREE TO THE INTERVIEW SOMETIME BETWEEN MAY 10 AND 19, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT BARBARA WILL DO HER BEST TO GET A MINIMUM THREE DAY RUN OUT OF IT. APPROVE...DISAPPROVE...

5. DICK AHERNE HAD A CALL FROM SARGE SHRIVER TODAY (HE
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WAS SHRIVER'S ASSISTANT WHEN SHRIVER WAS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE). ON THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY SHRIVER SHARES THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THAT A BIG CARTER WIN IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST WILL MEAN THE END, OR CLOSE TO IT, FOR JACKSON. HE EXPECTS CARTER TO WIN BUT IS UNSURE ABOUT HIS MARGIN OF VICTORY. SHRIVER IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT THE FACTORS WHICH HE THINKS HAVE PRODUCED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR CARTER THUS FAR -- HIS NEWNESS, HIS VAGUE AND

SIMPLISTIC APPROACH, AND WHAT SHRIVER SEES AS UNWARRANTED AND UNPRECEDENTED MEDIA FASCINATION WITH CARTER -- WILL LAST THROUGH THE CONVENTION. BUT HE HAS BEEN RECENTLY IN TOUCH WITH HUMPHREY AND OPINES THAT HUMPHREY WILL HAVE TO GET CRACKING VERY QUICKLY AFTER PENNSYLVANIA IF HE IS TO HAVE A CHANCE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, HUMPHREY MUST MOVE TO CONVINCE JACKSON AND UDALL TO ABANDON THEIR OWN

CAMPAIGNS -- PRIVATELY IF NOT PUBLICLY -- AND TO BEGIN TO POSITION THEMSELVES FOR EVENTUAL SUPPORT OF HUMPHREY.

SHRIVER FURTHER SAID "I HAVE TREMENDOUS ADMIRATION FOR WHAT THE SECRETARY IS DOING AND SAYING AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE IS MAKING THE BEST SPEECHES OF ANYONE ON THE POLITICAL SCENE AND IS SAYING ALL THE THINGS FORD SHOULD BE SAYING."

ALTHOUGH HE TOOK ISSUE WITH YOU ON SOME FOREIGN POLICY POINTS IN HIS OWN CAMPAIGN SPEECHES, SHRIVER STRESSED SEVERAL TIMES THAT YOU AND HE, AND BY EXTENSION HUMPHREY AND OTHERS, HAD MUCH IN COMMON. HE PERSONALLY SUPPORTS YOU ON MOST ISSUES, AND OBSERVED THAT HIS OWN TRAVEL AND CONTACTS LEAD HIM TO THE SAME CONCLUSION THAT RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS HAVE REACHED, NAMELY THAT YOU AND YOUR POLICIES HAVE MORE SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY THAN THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY DOES.

FINALLY, OBSERVING THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT A SPLINTER OF A MINORITY PARTY, SHRIVER AGREED THAT THERE WAS SOME IRONY IN THIS AS FAR AS YOU WERE CONCERNED -- THAT AFTER THE CONVENTION, IN A CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT THE ELECTORATE AT LARGE, YOU WOULD BECOME AN INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT IN THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION CHANCES.

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AS YOU KNOW, SHRIVER HAS ASKED TO HAVE LUNCH OR BREAKFAST WITH YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK FROM AFRICA. I THINK YOU SHOULD DO THIS; HE HAS CLOSE TIES TO HUMPHREY AND THE LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT, AND I EXPECT HE WILL BE ACTIVE IF A HUMPHREY EFFORT BEGINS TO COME TOGETHER.

6. I AM STILL TRYING TO REACH VORONTSOV TO BEAT HIM UP ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN GHANA. BRENT AND I TALKED AND AGREED THAT, DESPITE THE APPARENT CANCELLATION OF YOUR GHANA STOP, IT WOULD STILL PAY TO LET THE SOVIETS KNOW IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS WHAT WE THINK OF THEIR ACTIVITIES IN GHANA. WE CANNOT LET THEM BELIEVE WE WILL BE OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT THEY DO AT YOUR VARIOUS STOPS IN AFRICA, EVEN IF IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO CORRECT THE GHANA

SITUATION. I WILL REPORT TO YOU ON MY CONVERSATION WITH
VORONTSOV AS SOON AS I AM ABLE TO REACH HIM.

7. PAUL BARBIAN HAS RECOVERED FROM HIS BACK AILMENT AND
IS AVAILABLE TO JOIN YOU IF YOU WISH. HE COULD REPLACE
EITHER COVEY OR PASSAGE IF EITHER IS BEGINNING TO WEAR
OUT FROM THE STRAIN OF THE TRIP. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR
WISHES. SISCO

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